

Lincoln, NE — Congressman Jeff Fortenberry yesterday met with over 450 Nebraskans at two separate town hall meetings to discuss the health care legislation pending before Congress. The first town hall, held at the People's City Mission, drew nearly 150; the second, held in the evening at Southwest High School, drew approximately 300 interested participants, including over 30 high school students.

"We had a thoughtful and courteous dialogue on the health care bill," said Fortenberry. "There were many differing views and concerns presented and I appreciated the polite and respectful civic engagement on this important issue that affects how Americans will get the health care they need."

"I was especially encouraged by the attendance of two groups of high school students from Lincoln Southwest and Lincoln Christian. This debate affects every American and I'm very pleased the students contributed to this important discussion."

In addition to these town halls, Fortenberry has held five town halls via telephone, multiple local roundtables, and a congressional field hearing in Lincoln to discuss health care in recent weeks. He also spoke to over 700 attendees at a recent Chamber of Commerce event, as well as the Lincoln Independent Business Association.

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